



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 15-009: COLOCKUM WILDLIFE AREA CULVERT AND ROAD REPAIR

Description of Proposal:

WDFW maintains primitive roads on the Colockum Wildlife Area to provide public access and to protect streams from sediment delivery impacts. WDFW proposes to do road work at four specific sites to correct water related issues: one site on the Brewton Gulch Road, one site on Little Brushy Road, and two sites on Tekison Road. The specific sites and work to be performed are detailed below:

Site 1. (Tekison Road) Water originating from an impounded spring is currently seeping through the impoundment and over the roadway. Regular vehicle traffic on the roadway has created a deep mud hole resulting in unauthorized detours (off road) around this hazardous spot. To correct this problem WDFW crews will install three 18 inch diameter by 20 foot long culverts in this section of road to pass seepage water through the road. Underneath the culverts a layer of geotextile fabric will be placed, which is on top of a layer of crushed rock. On top of the geotextile fabric and around the culverts a layer of permeable crushed rock will be placed for bedding the culverts and surfacing the road. The length of road scheduled to be repaired is 100 feet. The crossing will provide a diffused pathway for water to go under the road, keeping it separated from vehicle traffic.

Site 2. (Tekison Road) Approximately 200 feet down the road from Site 1 is an established ford. This poorly functioning, shallow, ford is allowing the seepage water from Site 1 and intermittent drainage water to run down the road rather than across it causing road erosion. To correct this issue, a 115 lineal foot section of road will be reshaped, covered with geotextile fabric, and receive a layer of rock. This rock will be graded to keep the water flow within the existing ford by increasing the vertical distance between the base of the ford and the surrounding road surface, and prevent road erosion during possible high water events. Work will be done in the dry as this drainage has intermittent flow.

Site 3. (Little Brushy Road) This existing ford through Tekison Creek has experienced recent erosion making vehicle passage difficult. To correct this issue the road bed will be graded to minimize the abrupt drop into the stream crossing and to keep the stream within the ford and also facilitate vehicle passage. Rock will be placed on the road surface above ordinary high water to prevent future road erosion during high water events and minimize road sediment delivery. The undercut bank will be graded to allow for safe vehicle passage but no work will be done within the 25 foot road section that is the streambed where Tekison Creek flows through the ford. This site is completely dry during summer months.

Site 4. (Brewton Gulch Road) This site currently has a 36 inch diameter culvert installed to pass seasonal flows of an unnamed tributary to Tekison Creek. The culvert is undersized and overtops during peak flows. The 36 inch culvert will be removed and a 96 inch diameter culvert

will be installed in the same location. Existing rock will be used to provide bedding for the new culvert and imported crushed rock will be used to repair and surface forty lineal feet of roadway over the culvert. The approach road to the culvert will be graded for approximately 200 feet to remove ruts and improve drainage.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Colockum Wildlife Area, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 20N, Range 22E, Sections 29 and 35.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on February 17, 2015**.

Method of Comment: The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

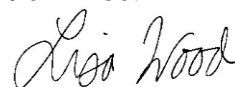
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 3, 2015

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

